



State of California – The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

CEQA #

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## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**TO:** Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**FROM:** Department of Parks and Recreation  
Colorado Desert District  
200 Palm Canyon Drive  
Borrego Springs, CA 92004-5005

**PROJECT TITLE:** Reroute Southern End Westside Trail

**LOCATION:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Highway 79 and Arroyo Seco Fire Road

**COUNTY:** San Diego

**DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:** The project proposes to reroute approximately 0.5 miles of the southern end of the Westside Trail at Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. The existing trail route is deeply eroded and climbs straight up a hill; the reroute will follow a curvilinear alignment consistent with park trail standards. The project would entail construction of a maximum four foot wide trail bench, with initial clearing of brush to an eight foot width and ten foot height. The existing trail would be rehabbed by decompacting the trail tread, recontouring, installing check dams, and blocking the route with vegetation from the new trail corridor.

DPR-approved standard project requirements have been incorporated into this project. A copy of these requirements may be obtained by submitting a request to the project Environmental Coordinator listed below.

**PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT:** California Department of Parks and Recreation


**NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT:** Colorado Desert District

**EXEMPT STATUS:** ☒ Categorical Exemption      Class: 4      Section: 15304

**REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:** No potential for significant impacts to the environment is anticipated in compliance with CEQA Section 15300.2. The project consists of the minor public alterations in the condition of land and vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees (class 4). The activities are included as "Trail construction or realignment" under the Departmental List of Exempt activities in accordance with CEQA Section 15301.

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